Purchase of Chevrolet alongwith skid tester by CRRI

4837. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that a Chevrolet alongwith Skid Tester, valuing about Rs. 50 lakhs, has been purchased in the Central Road Research Institute of C.S.I.R.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no research has been done so far on the machine and it is lying idle since its purchase; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A Skid Tester with an on-board computer on a Chevrolet Van, as an integral system, has been purchased for Rs. 33,84,421.50.

(b) The equipment is being utilized for carrying out studies on surface characteristics ofp avements and pavement evaluation aspect of riding quality and functional serviceability. The Tester has been used for data collection on skid resistance of load pavements on 17 sections in Delhi area. About 500 Kms have been covered using the Tester for getting requisite inputs for R&D work of the Institute.

(c) Does not arise.

Purchase of a Lacroix Deflec Tragraph BL-IM-0014 by Central Road Research Institute

4838. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Road Research Institute of CSIR has purchased a Lacroix Deflec Tragraph BL-IM-0014 on 1st April, 1990 costing more than Rs. 80 lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no scientists knows how to operate the machine; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for purchasing the machine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Deflectograph has been procured by the Institute at a cost of Rs. 46,27,228.00 for non-destructive testing of the pavements for structural adequacy under varying loading conditions to facilitate structural upgrading of pavements.

(b) No, Sir. Four Scientists have undergone training for the operation of the equipment, routine maintenance and use of software for overlay designs. It is proposed to impart in-house training to some more scientists.

(c) Does not arise.

Installation of BPL System in Central Road Research Institute

4839. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a scandal in installation of BPL system in the Central Road Research Institute of CSIR valuing more than Rs. 10 lakhs.

(b) whether it is also a fact that system is not functioning properly as compared to previous MTNL Board; and

(c) if so, the number of external and internal phones provided to divisions/sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. The system was got installed after following proper purchase procedure at a cost of Rs. 3.62 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir. The system is working very satisfactorily and its performance has been found better in comparison to the MTNL system.

(c) Under the system 100 internal lines, including 10 EPBX outlets, have been provided to various Sections/Divisions.

Computer Cencer in Central Road Research Institute

4840. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of computers have been purchased by the Central Road Research Institute of CSIR;

(b) whether it is a fact that every division/section is having computers; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the outsiders are getting training unauthorisedly on the computers with the connivance of officers of Central Road Research Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. As part of modernization process in the CSIR laboratories, a computer network has been established in the CRRI also.

(b) Almost all the divisions|sections have been provided with personal computers.

(c) No, Sir. However, with a view to strengthening interaction with academic institutions through co-guidance of the thesis of the post graduate students of different universities| institutes, some students doing Master of Computer Application from the Thapar Institute of Technology Patiala, Regional Engineering College, Warangal and University of Roorkee, are being invited to undertake projects of software development which would give useful input to the Institute's R&D work and also provide opportunity to these students to work on practical scientific and engineering problems. Secondly a part of CSIR policy, children of CSIR Employees are encouraged to learn computer during summer vacation for which they are paid a stipend.

Contract for Renovation of Clock Rooms by CRRI

4841. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract had been given for more than Rs. 5|- lakh from the excess funds of 1991-92 for further renovation of Clock-Rooms etc. by Central Road Research Institute of CSIR; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the renovation of Clock-Rooms etc. had been done a couple of years back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A contract for Rs. 5,10,960.14 has been awarded for undertaking absolutely necessary repairs in 11 of the 60 toilets of the